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Applicant: De Jong *et al.*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned patent application,
the entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the
amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-8, with the following
paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

Q1 This application is related to the U.S. application Serial No. 09/815,979,
to de Jong *et al.*, entitled "METHODS FOR DELIVERING NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES INTO CELLS AND ASSESSMENT THEREOF." The subject matter
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REMARKS

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